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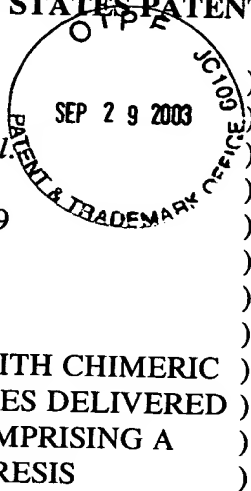
In re Patent Application of

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For: GENE THERAPY WITH CHIMERIC
OLIGONUCLEOTIDES DELIVERED
BY A METHOD COMPRISING A
STEP OF IONTOPHRESIS



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Sir:

This Amendment is filed in complete response to the Office Action mailed May 27, 2003 (Paper No. 19). A one-month extension of time has been requested and the corresponding fee paid extending the time period of response until September 29, 2003 (September 27 and 28, 2003 were a Saturday and Sunday, respectively).

Please amend the above-identified application as follows: